

District III Advisory Board Minutes

March 5, 2003

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**March 5, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall
2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. The District III City Council member and six (6) District Advisory Board members were in attendance along with seven (7) City staff and approximately (7) seven members of the public of who signed in.

Members Present

Gene Fuhr
Jim Gulick
Phil Bloomquist
Laura Simpson
Matt Foley
John Kemp
Council Member Phil Lambke

Members Absent

Phyllis Hall
Lois Ann Newman
Bill Ward
Judy Dillard

Staff Present

Vicki Mork
Debbie Nguyen
Jan Chatman
Officer Miller
Officer Diehl
Allan Taber
Sarah Gilbert

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February 5, 2003 were approved as read on a vote of 7-0.

Action: Minutes were approved with a correction as requested by Foley.

Public Agenda

1. None Scheduled

Staff Presentations

2. Community Police Report

Officer Miller reports little activity except for citywide larcenies. He said he plans to near future. **Foley** asked about a recent escort/prostitute sting. **Miller** said he was the decoy, he called escort services and discovered three of them that responded had no license and all 3 women came into the apartment offered to perform sex for money.

Officer Diehl, Beat 24 brought up the issue of increased traffic at the corner of Broadway and Harry as a result of the recently opened Walgreen's store. Diehl requested NA Vicki Mork to set up a meeting with Traffic Engineer Paul Gunzelman and CM Lambke.

3. Career Services Department

Sarah Gilbert, Director says her office offers very individualized services for job seekers based on their individual needs. She maintained jobs were still available in the community due to terminations, moves, retirements etc.. Limited funds are available for testing and some educational plans however; the applicant needs to have a way to support self and an identifiable job at the end, she indicated the medical good field showed job growth at this time.

Kemp asked about the success rate? Sarah quoted a placement rate of 77% and said those with an average age over 21 made between \$10-\$11 dollars per hour. **Gay Quisenberry** asked about the summer youth job fair and Sarah said it was not administered by CDBG.

Recommended Action: Receive information and file

4. Community Partners

Cindy Chrisman, Vice-Principal of Colvin Elementary School explained that the Metro Medical Response System plan for Sedgwick County was developed to prepare for distribution of pharmaceuticals on a mass basis in event of a terrorist attack. Currently the school system has developed a plan of response in conjunction with Sedgwick County Health Department. The staff at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall as well as those with the Park and Rec Department are also being included in this response plan. Generally speaking the MMRS is geared towards an anthrax incident similar to those that occurred in Washington DC. The countywide response draws from all areas of the city and government including the medical community, the public health department, law enforcement, media, public schools and major employers. Identified emergency sites have been designated at 11 public schools, 3 parochial schools and up to 40 other public sites. Each site will be set up and staffed in order to respond to the crisis and distribute medication to the public from the affected area of the city. At this site a maximum of 6 tables will be set up in the gymnasium each representing a pharmaceutical distribution station. Other rooms within the school could be utilized if needed. School staff and Colvin staff will be utilized in variety of ways. The staff at Colvin Elementary School and the Neighborhood City hall intend to hold a mock drill in May.

Officer Miller said he had not heard anything about this but **Officer Jerrell**, School Resource Officer said he had been informed that they would be doing security, parking, and mostly crowd control. **Cindy** cautioned the response team would look very different if the event happened during a school day. Vicki will make the Fact Sheet available to DAB III members.

Kemp said we need to know more about this MMRS and the County needs to get this information out to the public. Vicki informed everyone that there is a link to additional information about the emergency plan through the official Sedgwick County web site. Neighborhood Associations and individuals can find more information at the Web site, <http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/mmrs/index.html>. On that same page at the lower right hand side are more links and additional explanations. Concern was expressed about homebound individuals but plans are in place guaranteeing an appropriate response for them also. Volunteers of the MMRS plan are to be provided with proper identification. Signage is being developed to help direct the public at each publicly identified site.

Recommended Action: Received and file information.

5. P.A.C.K. Presentation

Officer Steve Jerrell, School Resource Officer at Jardine Academy, Jan Chatman, Supervisor at Park and Recreation Department and Debbie Nguyen Community Educator presented information on the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids (P.A.C.K.). In January 2002 a public safety meeting was convened at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall in response to a daytime homicide and a drive by shooting. Former Community Police Officer Jamie Crouch developed a survey addressing neighborhood concerns in Planeview. Survey results revealed that unsupervised juveniles were the second greatest concern and this information provided the impetus for formation of the P.A.C.K program was started.

Last summer the program was initially offered to 100 Planeview students in grades K-8. These students were selected for participation both teachers and staff. The program began at noon each day with a nutritious school lunch and featured scheduled age appropriate activities. Initially there were 100 kids in attendance but some students dropped out or were asked to leave, reducing the number to 80 kids after a couple of weeks. Daily activities included a free lunch and snacks, field trips, swimming excursions, a trip to Joyland, computer classes, movies and probably the most popular event, twice a week soccer camp coached by the WPD officers.

The camp seemed to be a huge success. For this area the number of juvenile burglaries, graffiti and larceny dropped between 28-32% when compared to the previous year's statistics. The P.A.C.K. program received donations from many community sponsors including Davis-Moore, Coleman, and Quik Trip. They are eager to provide support for the 2003 program also. A \$5,000 grant has been received from the Wichita Community Foundation and an additional \$2,000 in funds is being requested from the Wichita Crime Commission. QuikTrip noticed reduced shoplifting by juveniles last summer and in return are offering to pay 30 of their staff to "volunteer" a day at P.A.C.K. this summer. Gart's Sports, Dick's Sports, and Wal-Mart are offering donation of sports equipment.

This year's program will be housed at two sites, grades 6-8 will be at Jardine and K-5 will be at Colvin. We are aiming in serving 150-160 kids this year and may possibly shorten the program from 5-6 weeks. **Simpson** suggested Michelle Brown at the Sedgwick County Master Gardens as a resource for showing the kids how to make container or butterfly gardens. **Hartig** also suggested partnering with various garden societies such as herb society etc. **Kemp** asked if any other locations are doing this type of thing and **Officer Jerrell** replied Community Policing Officer Young is doing a basketball clinic with Hilltop youth at Biddy Basketball.

Foley reminisced about the free parks programs he grew up with years ago. **Taber, Parks and Recreation Supervisor** said he remembered those days too but the situation in Parks and Recreation Department is much different now and recreational activities must generate user fees, which the department depends upon to fund the programs.

Recommended Action: Receive and file information.

Board Agenda

6. Updates, Issues and Reports

Matt Foley announced he published the H.A.N.D. Neighborhood Association landlord initiative in their newsletter. He also talked about recent gains made in fighting slum lords in the Hilltop neighborhood.

Recommended Action: Address as appropriate, or receive and file.

7. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be March 19, 2003 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Motion made to adjourn Bloomquist (Kemp)

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant
District III

Visitors

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Charlotte Foster

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